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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

As a result of this Amendment, claims 1-6 and 10 are under active consideration in the subject patent application.

In the Official Action the Examiner has:

 identified claims 1-10 as standing subject to an election of Species Requirement under 35 USC §121 and §372, as follows:

Species I; as being best described with special technical features as described in claims 1-6; and

Species II; as being best described with special technical features as described in claims 7-9;

Applicant elects to prosecute Species I and therefore claims 1-6 are pending, along with claim 10. Claims 7-9 stand withdrawn as allegedly being directed to Species II, without prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue the subject matter of claims 7-9 in related applications.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-6 and 10 are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is requested.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the above-identified application, Applicant's undersigned Attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at 215-979-1255.

Respectfully Submitted,

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